The Pristine Mirror
A Jaina Coloring Journey
Visualizing the Science of Liberation
based on the works of Champat Rai Jain.

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The Rhythm of Free Activity

Jainism is not a code of arbitrary rules; it is the exact science of the Soul (Jiva). The text defines the Soul's natural state as 'Intense Lightness' (de + light = delight). This book uses the medium of watercolor to teach this science.

- Ignorance is a 'stain' on the heart.
- The user colors to understand the stain, then learns to wash it away.
- Concept: The soul is the rhythm of free activity... the living essence or 'will-to-be'.

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Chapter 1: The Mirror of Worlds

The Jiva (Soul Substance)

The Soul is a self-subsisting, conscious substance. It is partless and immortal. It acts as a mirror to the universe.

"In Whose Perception scintillate the three Worlds... as in a mirror!"

Visual Concept: User colors the reflections, but leaves the observer (the center) pure white.

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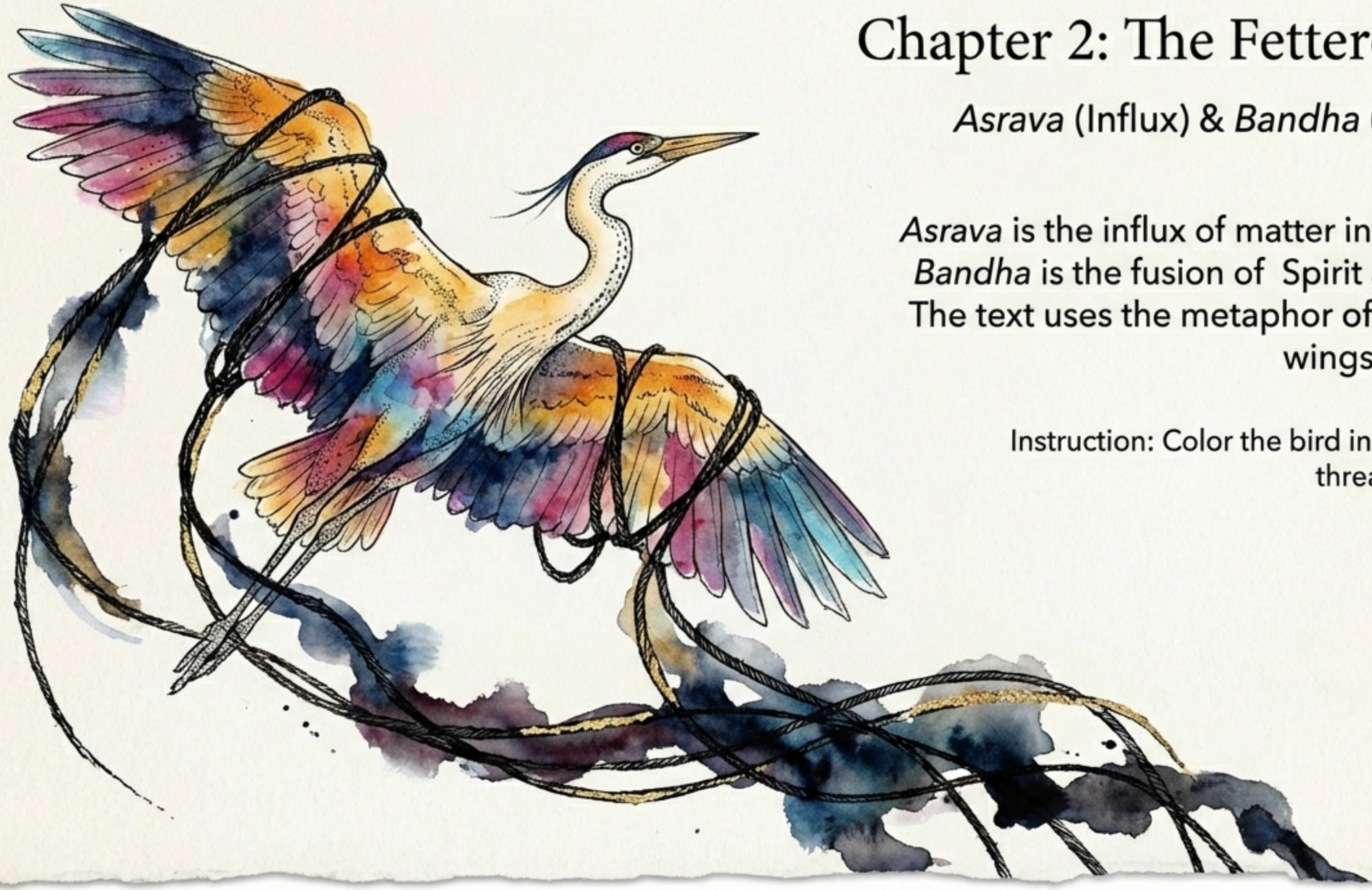

Chapter 2: The Fettered Bird

Asrava (Influx) & *Bandha* (Bondage)

Asrava is the influx of matter into the Soul. *Bandha* is the fusion of Spirit and Matter. The text uses the metaphor of a bird with wings sewn shut.

Instruction: Color the bird in life, color the threads in weight.

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Chapter 3: The Spectrum of Bondage

The 8 Karmas

1. Jnanavaraniya (Knowledge-obscuring)
2. Darsanavaraniya (Perception-obscuring)
3. Vedaniya (Pleasure/Pain)
4. Mohaniya (Deluding)
5. Ayuh (Life-determining)
6. Nama (Physique-making)
7. Gotra (Status-determining)
8. Antaraya (Energy-limiting)

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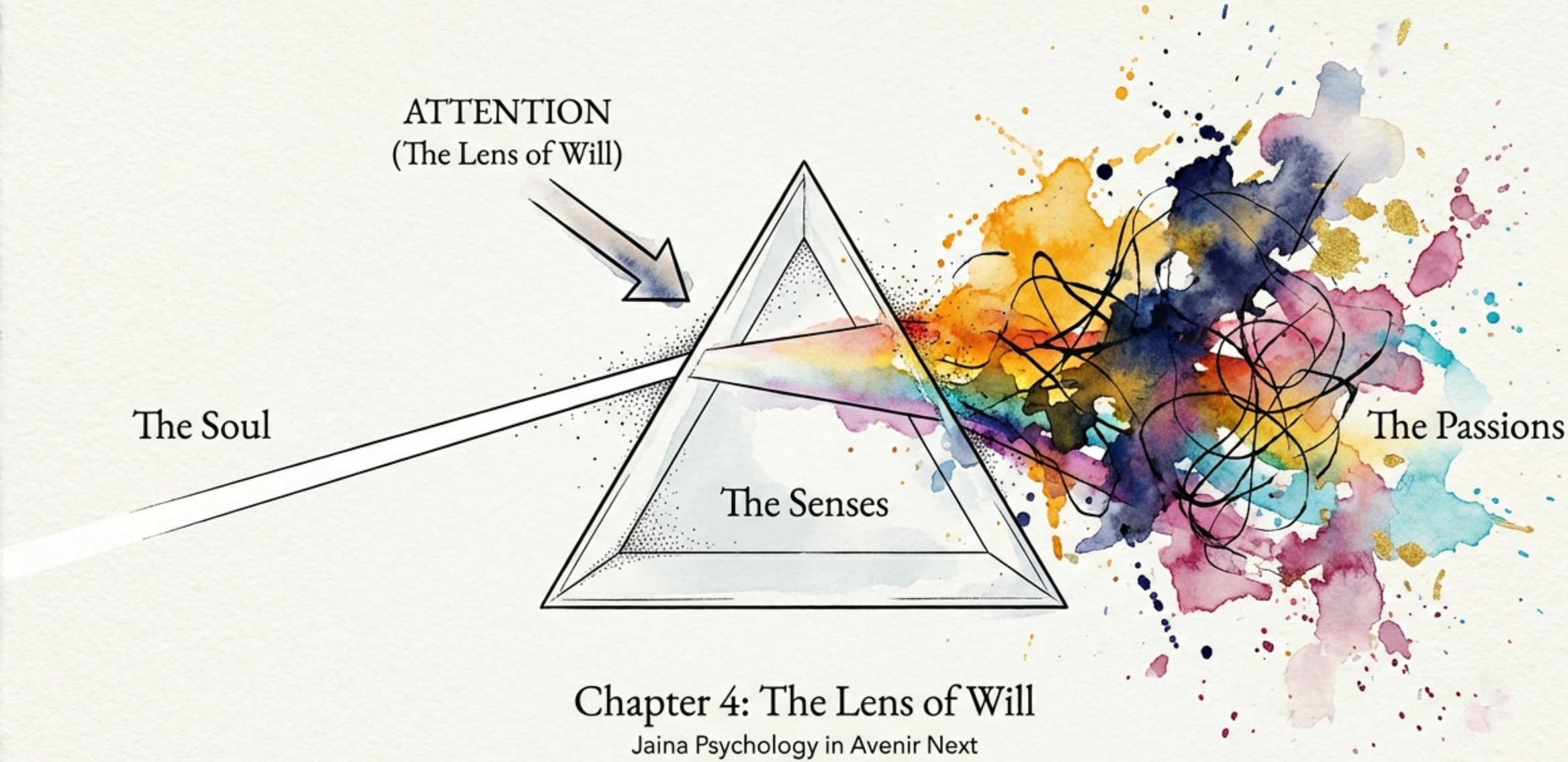

Chapter 4: The Lens of Will

Jaina Psychology in Avenir Next

Matter enters through the senses, but it is Attention that causes the fusion. “Attention is a melting pot in which spirit and matter are melted together.” This fusion creates the stain on the heart.

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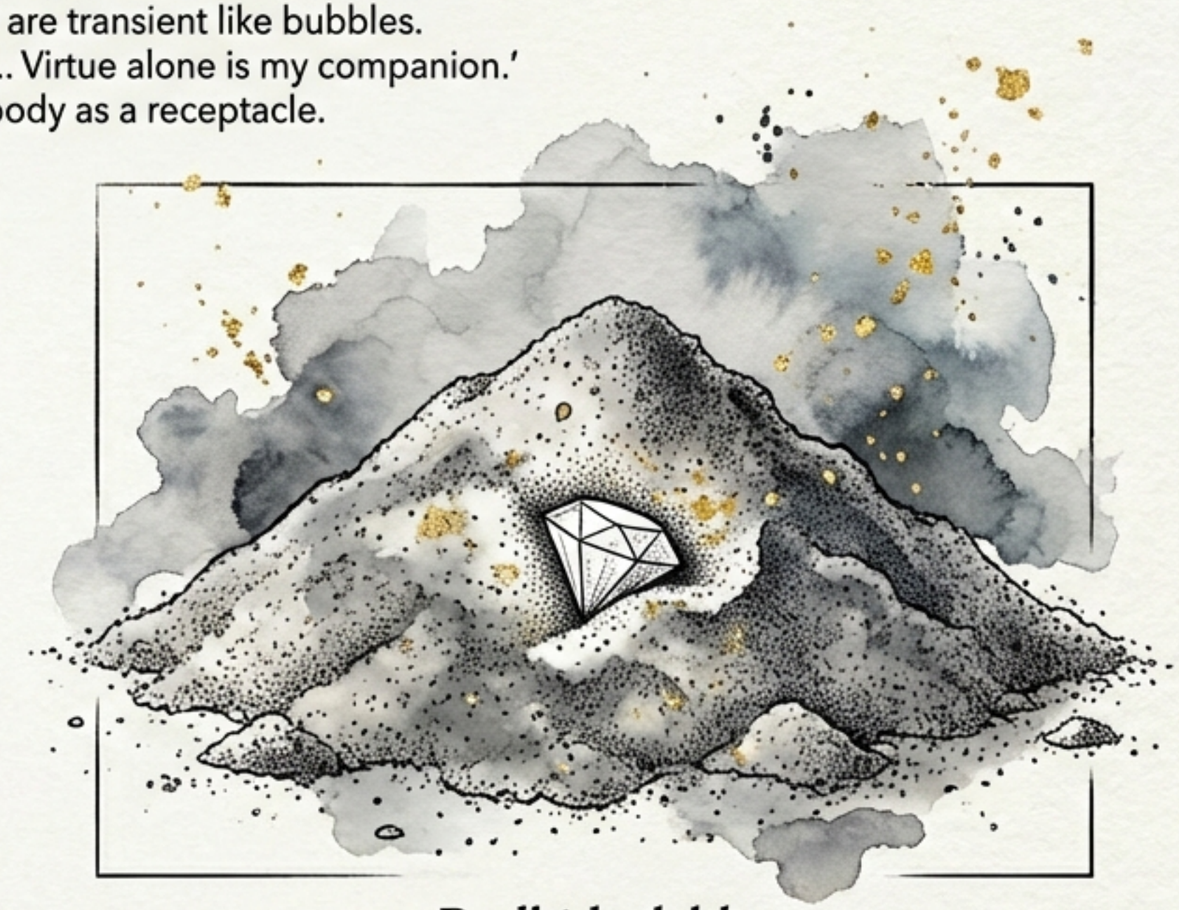
Chapter 5: The Bubble and The Ash

The Twelve Contemplations (Anuprekshas)

Meditative exercises to detach the mind.

1. Transitoriness: Bodies are transient like bubbles.
2. Distinctiveness: 'I am alone... Virtue alone is my companion.'
3. Filthiness: The body as a receptacle.

Anitya
(Transitoriness)



Bodhidurlabha
(Rarity of Enlightenment)

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Chapter 6: The Scales of the Sravaka

The Path of the Householder

The layman observes the 5 Anu Vratas (Minor Vows): Non-violence, Truth, Non-stealing, Chastity, and Limiting Possessions. It is a balancing act of civic duty and spiritual lightness.

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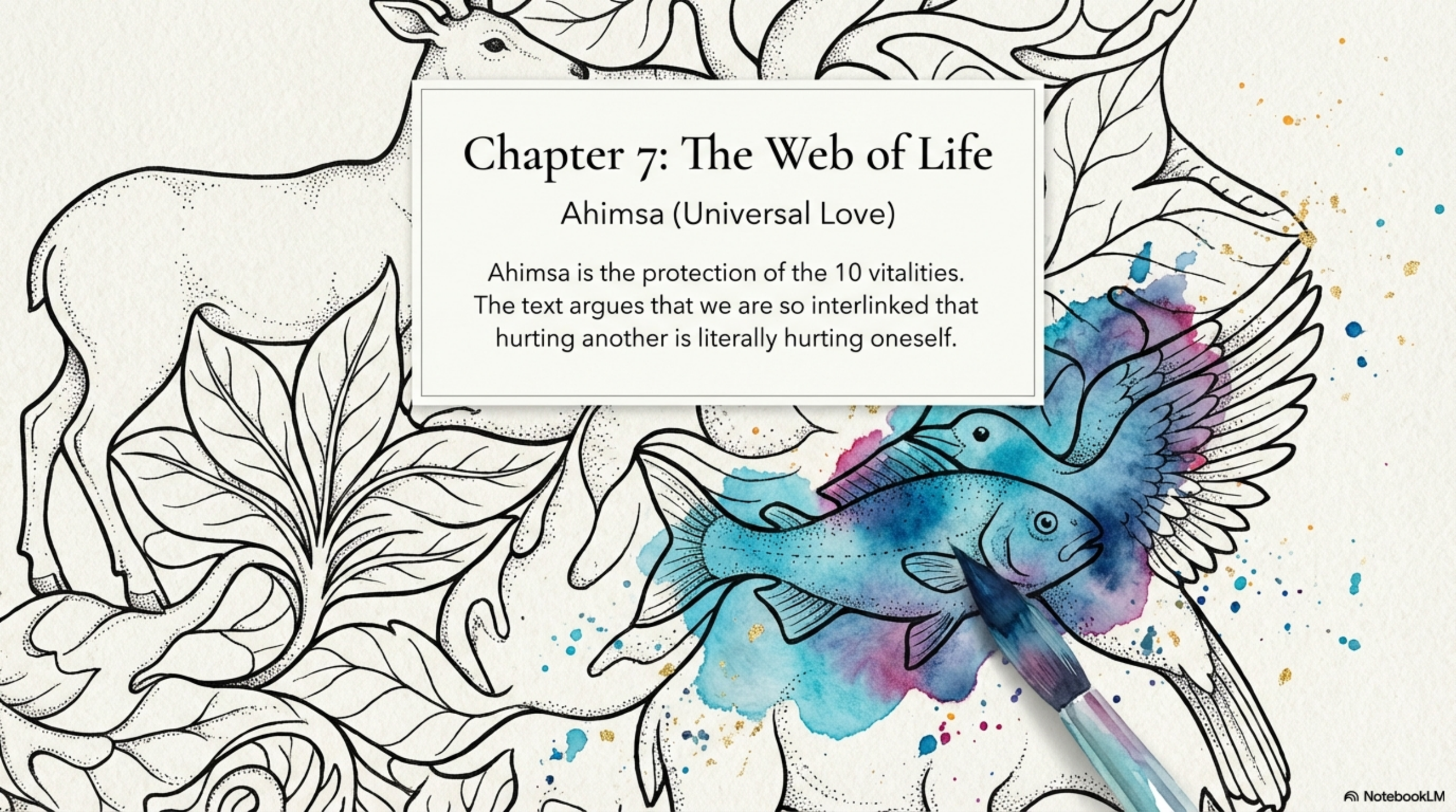

Chapter 7: The Web of Life

Ahimsa (Universal Love)

Ahimsa is the protection of the 10 vitalities. The text argues that we are so interlinked that hurting another is literally hurting oneself.

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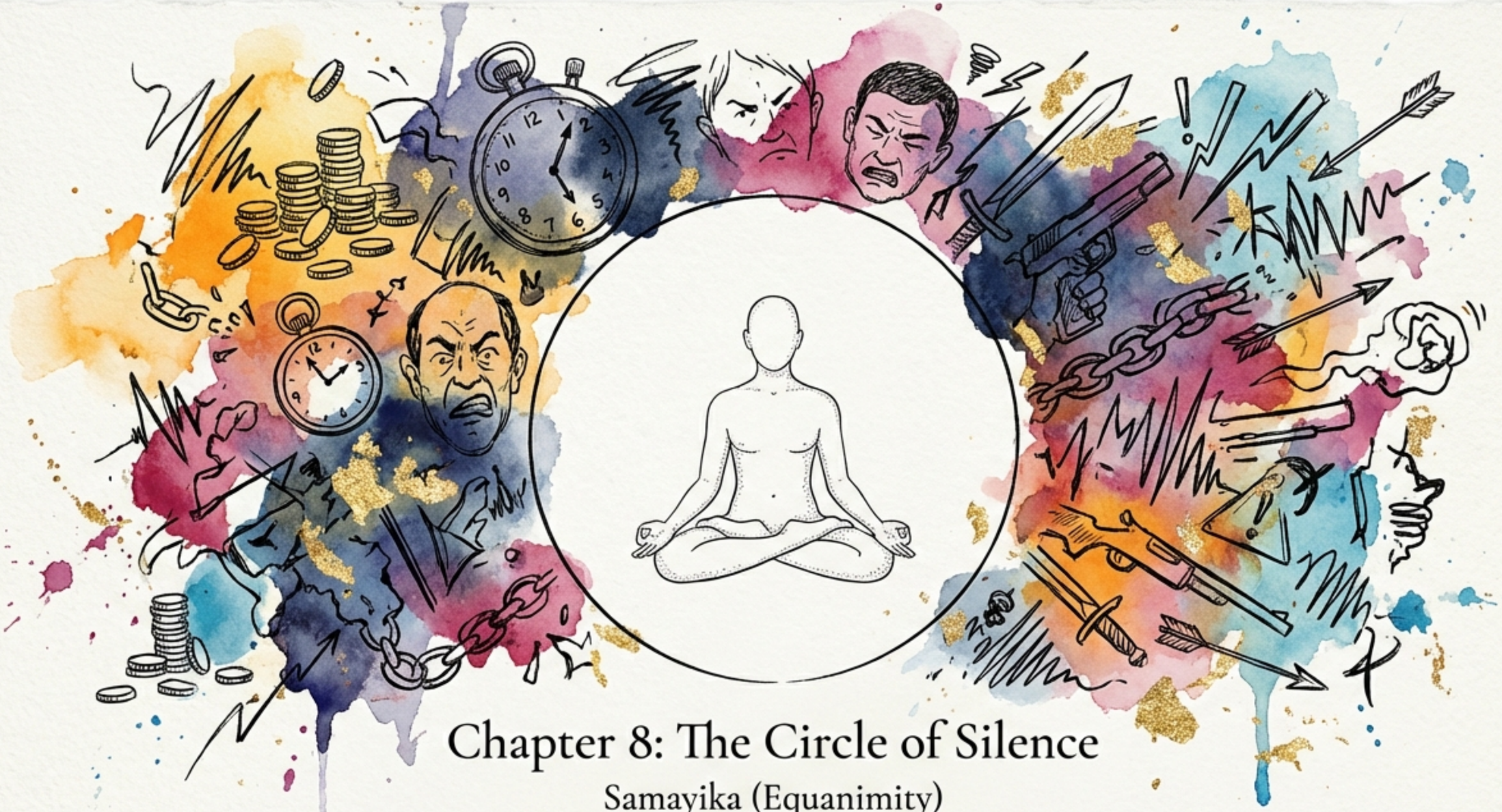

Chapter 8: The Circle of Silence

Samayika (Equanimity)

The ritual of becoming 'like a God' for 48 minutes. The user colors the noise of the world but leaves the circle of the self perfectly empty.

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Chapter 9: The Staircase to the Forest

The 11 Pratimas (Steps of Ascent)

The progressive ladder of the layman:
Steps 1-6: Right Views & Vows.
Step 9: Divesting of wealth.
Step 11: Retiring to the forest (Asceticism).

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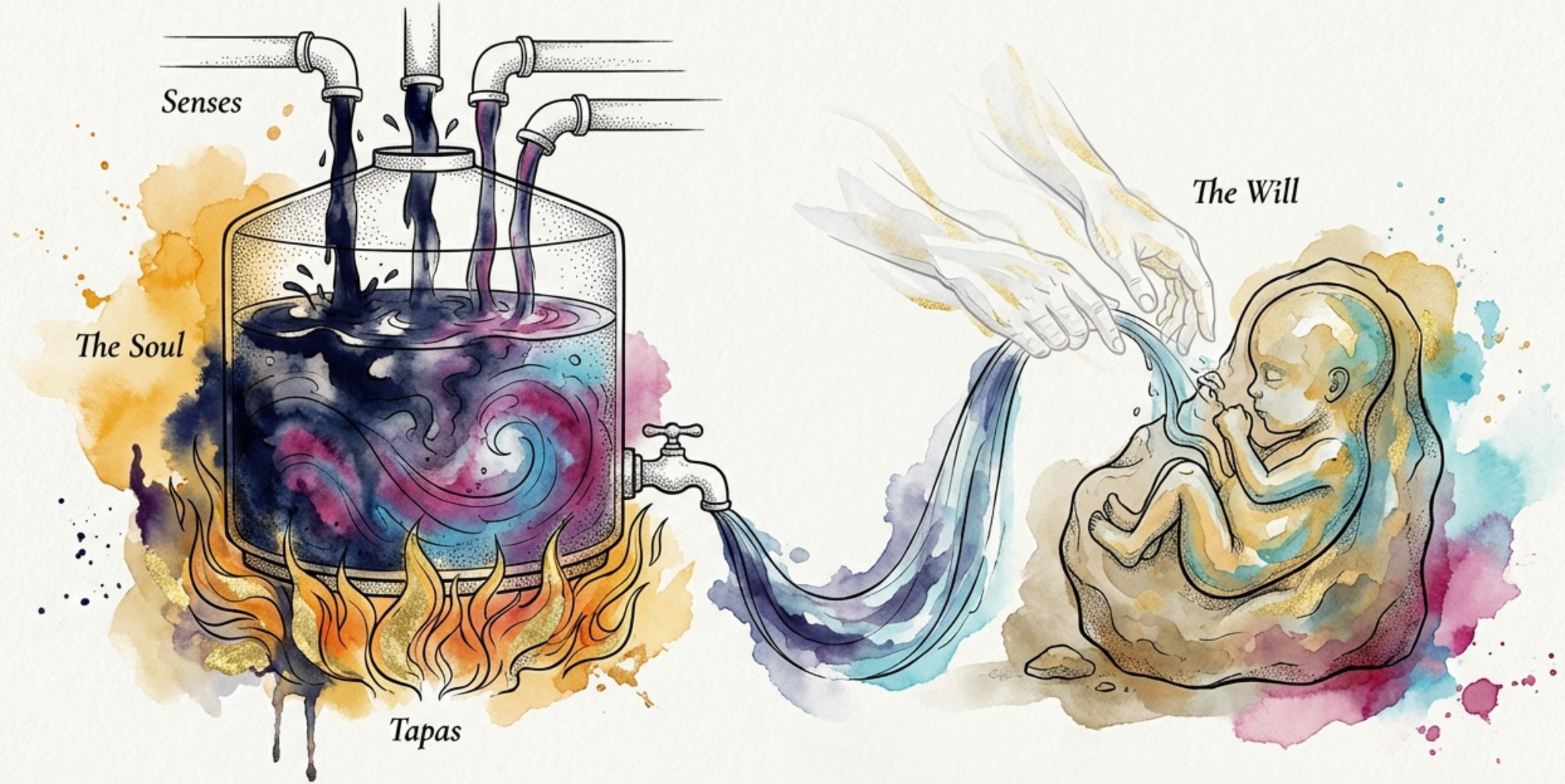

Chapter 10: The Tank and The Sculptor

The Organising Forces of Rebirth

The Soul is like a tank. Influx fills it; Renunciation evaporates it. The Soul's remaining impulses (The Will) act as the Sculptor, building the new body in the womb based on past desires.

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Chapter 11: The Festival of Death

Samadhi-Marana

For the prepared Soul, death is not a tragedy but a ‘Festival’—the shedding of an enemy (the body). It is distinct from suicide; it is a triumphant exit.

“Dying itself then becomes a festival!”

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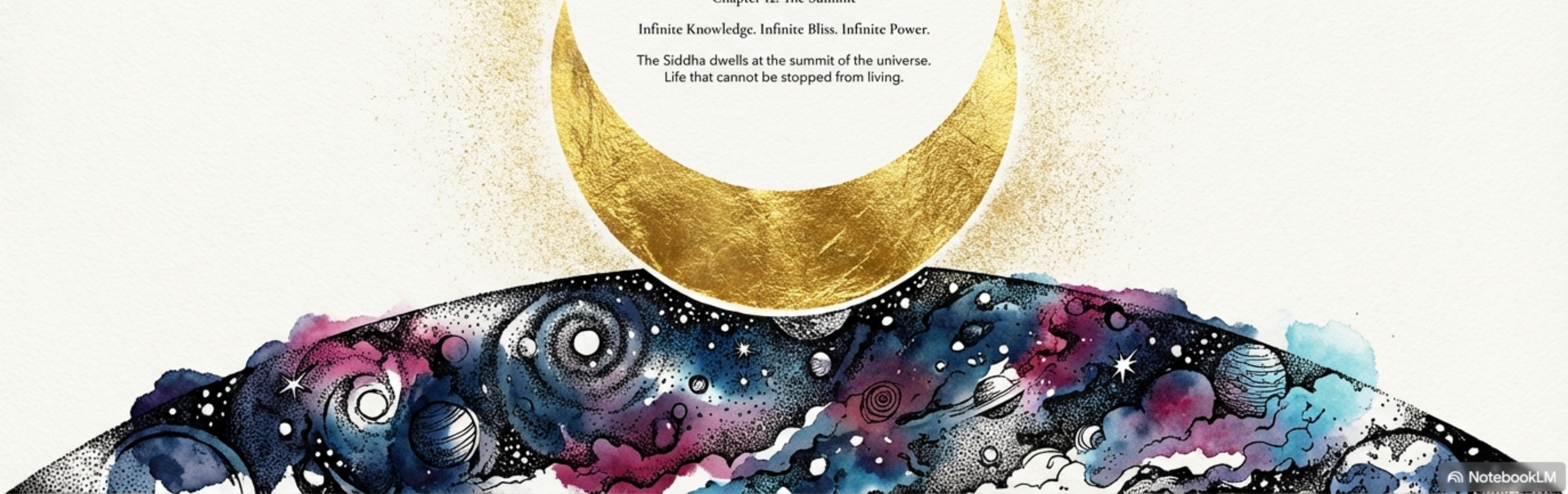
Chapter 12: The Summit

Infinite Knowledge. Infinite Bliss. Infinite Power.

The Siddha dwells at the summit of the universe.
Life that cannot be stopped from living.



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The Science of Liberation

We invite you to study the teaching.
Take up the brush of Right Knowledge
and begin the work of washing the Soul.

Jainism: The Science of Liberation par excellence.

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